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Recent press stories allege improper activity on the part of myself and organizations I have been privileged to work with over the past several years to advance the cause of liberty. Central to these allegations appears to be a collection of documents that were contained in my wife's car in Colorado in June 2010, which was stolen and later mysteriously found at a "meth house", passed through the hands of political operatives who oppose my efforts, and finally found their way to the media and Montana's Commissioner of Political Practices. The media stories make clear that individuals along the way used knowingly stolen documents, without ever having contacted their rightful owner(s).

These stolen documents appear to be a mix of those from my consulting and volunteer work and from my wife's independently owned and operated mail and printing shop. Both my wife and I have scrupulously endeavored to avoid any possibility of illegal coordination. The stolen documents, which were in the process of being transferred to storage when the theft occurred, have been mingled to infer that the work of two separate people is in fact the work of one person and therefore improper. This is false.

I and organizations with whom I work will continue to be vindicated in courts of law, and I am proud of the 1st Amendment litigation and other work I have done to make Montana and the United States a friendlier place for liberty. Apparently this work has come to the attention of powerful opponents in the media and in public life, who would prefer that voices other than their own be shut out of the public debate.

The recent spate of unsubstantiated and false allegations in the media should be taken as yet another sign that their grip on power is fading.

Thank you.

- Christian LeFer